

Comparisons of Job Characteristics

Focus Occupation: Physical Therapist Aides (31-2022)

Associated Occupation: Medical Assistants (31-9092)

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<<	Focus occupation element is much lower
<	Focus occupation element is lower
0	Focus occupation element is at a similar level
>	Focus occupation element is at a higher level
>>	Focus occupation element is at a much higher level

Knowledge

Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: 88

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Associated Occupation's Key Knowledge Elements	Average Rating, All Occupations	Associated Occupation's Rating	Focus Occupation's Rating		Evaluation of Focus Occupation
Customer and Personal Service	11.3	13.7	17.1	>>	Current knowledge level is likely more than sufficient
Clerical	7.3	12.7	7.5	<<	Extensive education and/or training may be required
Medicine and Dentistry	3.7	12.5	8.1	<<	Extensive education and/or training may be required

The maximum possible rating is 25.

Source: Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Research and Analysis Section analysis of O*NET (Occupation Information Network) data.

Skills

Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: 90

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Associated Occupation's Key Skills Elements	Average Rating, All Occupations	Associated Occupation's Rating	Focus Occupation's Rating		Evaluation of Focus Occupation
Active Listening	11.0	13.3	10.3	<<	Extensive development of skills in this area may be required
Speaking	10.8	13.0	9.1	<<	Extensive development of skills in this area may be required
Monitoring	9.9	11.5	8.8	<<	Extensive development of skills in this area may be required
Social Perceptiveness	9.1	11.4	10.8	0	Current skill level may be sufficient
Service Orientation	7.9	10.1	9.3	0	Current skill level may be sufficient

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Abilities

Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: 84

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Associated Occupation's Key Abilities Elements	Average Rating, All Occupations	Associated Occupation's Rating	Focus Occupation's Rating	Evaluation of Focus Occupation	
Oral Expression	12.4	13.9	10.2	<<	Extensive improvement in abilities may be required
Oral Comprehension	12.5	13.5	11.2	<	Some improvement in abilities may be required
Problem Sensitivity	11.1	11.6	8.6	<<	Extensive improvement in abilities may be required
Speech Clarity	10.2	11.4	8.9	<	Some improvement in abilities may be required
Written Comprehension	11.0	11.4	8.8	<<	Extensive improvement in abilities may be required
Near Vision	11.1	11.2	8.1	<<	Extensive improvement in abilities may be required
Speech Recognition	9.9	11.0	9.8	<	Some improvement in abilities may be required
Written Expression	9.8	10.7	7.7	<<	Extensive improvement in abilities may be required
Perceptual Speed	7.4	8.2	6.9	<	Some improvement in abilities may be required

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Activities that Both Occupations Have in Common

Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: 82

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Work Activities	Exclusivity of Activity
Administer medications or treatments	46
Inventory medical supplies or instruments	67
Lift or transport ill or injured patients	69
Maintain dental or medical records	64
Observe patient condition	48
Order or purchase supplies, materials, or equipment	35
Position patient for therapy	70
Prepare patients for tests, therapy, or treatments	70
Retrieve files or charts	92
Schedule meetings or appointments	68
Set up patient care equipment	75
Weigh patients	75
Work with persons with mental disabilities or illnesses	62

Not all positions in these occupations will necessarily perform all of the listed activities. The exclusivity rating is an indication of how unique the activity is amongst all occupations. The maximum rating is 100. High scores indicate that only a small number of occupations engage in that activity.

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Tools and Technologies that Both Occupations Have in Common

Similarity of Focus
Occupation to Associated
Occupation: 81

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Tools and Technologies	Exclusivity
Ambulation and transfer and positioning aids for the physically challenged	27
Blood pressure units and related products	11
Computers	1
Content authoring and editing software	1
Gait training products	43
Industry specific software	1
Patient transport products	18

Not all positions in these occupations will necessarily use all of the listed tools and technologies. The exclusivity rating is an indication of how unique the tool or technology is amongst all occupations. The maximum rating is 100. High scores indicate that only a small number of occupations use that tool or technology.

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